

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (New) An animal feed composition comprising an electrostatically charged ingredient selected from the group consisting of electrostatically charged glycine, alanine, serine, and combinations thereof.

32. (New) The composition of claim 31, said composition comprising between about 0.01-64.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient.

33. (New) The composition of claim 31, said composition comprising a coating, wherein said coating comprises from about 0.001-50.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient based on the weight of the entire coated composition.

34. (New) The composition of claim 31, said composition further comprising at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

35. (New) The composition of claim 31, said electrostatically charged ingredient bearing a negative charge.

36. (New) An animal feed composition comprising an electrostatically charged ingredient selected from the group consisting of electrostatically charged glycine, alanine, serine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, lysine, proline and combinations thereof, the electrostatic charge on said ingredient being greater than the charge exhibited by the ingredient in its natural state.

37. (New) The composition of claim 36, said composition comprising between about 0.01-64.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient.

38. (New) The composition of claim 36, said composition comprising a coating, wherein said coating comprises from about 0.001-50.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient based on the weight of the entire coated composition.

39. (New) The composition of claim 36, said composition further comprising at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

40. (New) The composition of claim 36, said electrostatically charged ingredient bearing a negative charge.

41. (New) An animal feed composition comprising an electrostatically charged ingredient selected from the group consisting of electrostatically charged glycine, alanine, serine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, lysine, proline and combinations thereof, the pH of said ingredient being below about 5 or above about 9 prior to being incorporated into said composition.

42. (New) The composition of claim 41, said composition comprising between about 0.01-64.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient.

43. (New) The composition of claim 41, said composition comprising a coating, wherein said coating comprises from about 0.001-50.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient based on the weight of the entire coated composition.

44. (New) The composition of claim 41, said composition further comprising at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

45. (New) The composition of claim 41, said electrostatically charged ingredient bearing a negative charge.

46. (New) A method of feeding an animal comprising the steps of:
providing an animal feed composition according to claim 31; and
feeding said composition to an animal.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, said composition comprising between about 0.01-64.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient.

48. (New) The method of claim 46, said composition comprising a coating, wherein said coating comprises from about 0.001-50.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient based on the weight of the entire coated composition.

49. (New) The method of claim 46, said composition further comprising at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

50. (New) The method of claim 46, said electrostatically charged ingredient bearing a negative charge.

51. (New) A method of feeding an animal comprising the steps of:
providing an animal feed composition according to claim 36; and
feeding said composition to an animal.

52. (New) The method of claim 51, said composition comprising between about 0.01-64.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient.

53. (New) The method of claim 51, said composition comprising a coating, wherein said coating comprises from about 0.001-50.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient based on the weight of the entire coated composition.

54. (New) The method of claim 51, said composition further comprising at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

55. (New) The method of claim 51, said electrostatically charged ingredient bearing a negative charge.

56. (New) A method of feeding an animal comprising the steps of:
providing an animal feed composition according to claim 41; and
feeding said composition to an animal.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, said composition comprising between about 0.01-64.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient.

58. (New) The method of claim 56, said composition comprising a coating, wherein said coating comprises from about 0.001-50.0% by weight of said electrostatically charged ingredient based on the weight of the entire coated composition.

59. (New) The method of claim 56, said composition further comprising at least one ingredient selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

60. (New) The method of claim 56, said electrostatically charged ingredient bearing a negative charge.

61. (New) A method of forming an animal feed composition comprising the steps of:
providing an ingredient selected from the group consisting of glycine, alanine, serine, glutamic acid, aspartic acid, lysine, proline and combinations thereof;
performing a pH adjustment step on the ingredient thereby causing the ingredient to assume an electrostatic charge that is greater than the charge exhibited by the ingredient in its natural state; and
combining the ingredient with at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

62. (New) The method of claim 61, said pH adjustment step comprising adjusting the pH of the ingredient to below about 5.

63. (New) The method of claim 61, said pH adjustment step comprising adjusting the pH of the ingredient to above about 9.